<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refers to the court's docket number.

were used to support Arizona's motion for summary judgment. Doc. #110. Thereafter, R&O filed 1 the present motion for leave to file a sur-reply to Arizona's motion in light of the magistrate judge's 2 order. Doc. #111. 3 Discussion 4 II. 5 A court has the inherent authority to grant leave to a party to file a sur-reply when the information in that sur-reply would be germane to the evaluation of a pending matter. See Cedars-6 7 Sinai Medical Center v. Shalala, 177 F.3d 1126, 1129 (9th Cir. 1999). Here, the court has reviewed 8 the documents and pleadings on file in this matter and finds that a sur-reply, in light of the recent 9 evidentiary exclusions outlined in the magistrate judge's order (Doc. #110), would be germane to 10 the court's evaluation of Arizona's pending motion for summary judgment. Therefore, the court 11 shall grant R&O's motion. 12 13 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for leave to file a sur-reply 14 (Doc. #111) is GRANTED. 15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff shall file a brief sur-reply to defendant's motion 16 for summary judgment (Doc. #78) of not more than ten (10) pages, within fifteen (15) days of entry 17 of this order. Elsih 18 IT IS SO ORDERED. 19 DATED this 15th day of November, 2011. 20 LARRY R. HICKS 21 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 22 23 24 25

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